

29 October 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

This memorandum recommends action in paragraph 10:

25X1 1. [redacted], Chairman,
National Defense Committee, Washington Chapter, Daughters of the American
25X1 Revolution, on Saturday, 27 October, called to ask the Director to ex-
plain the charges made against CIA ("treasonable inefficiency") in TASK
FORCE. [redacted] heard her story and had me get in touch with her.

2. She said the President General of the DAR had sent a copy of
TASK FORCE to all chapters in the United States urging them to discuss the
charges and take up the allegations with members of the Congress.

25X1 3. After [redacted] spoke in detail about each charge I explained
to her that the Director and everyone else in CIA are just as good Ameri-
cans as she or any other member of the DAR and that we all respect the
DAR, which, like CIA, is working for the security of the U.S. Re Dr.
John I told her he did not get any American intelligence information; his
background was known to CIA; he was a German governmental official from
whom we secured some information on international communism; as a German
government official with whom the U.S. did some official business, he
was invited, with other people, to dinner by Mr. Dulles; later he was intro-
duced to J. Edgar Hoover -- he was never brought into discussion of United
States intelligence matters.

4. I expressed the belief that the British author of the article
attacking CIA had less interest in American security than did any member
of the DAR or of the CIA, and was known to have an information or intel-
ligence organization of his own at one time so this might be a way to
give himself some prestige in the U.S. His charges were so ridiculous that
no American could possibly take them seriously.

5. I told her of the Senate and House having members who know of
our Agency; of the President's Committee and gave her the membership; of
the recent Hoover Commission investigation and the earlier Doolittle in-
vestigation; and that we work for the National Security Council, of which
the President of the U.S. is chairman, so we are pretty well investigated
and surveyed; I explained our policy of not confirming or denying such
charges as are made in TASK FORCE because of the security danger in such
a policy.

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6A. To her question as to how would such splendid Americans as Generals
del Valle and Chennault give their support to TASK FORCE I told [redacted]
she would have to ask them, not CIA.

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7. [] said she would refute the charges when the local Chapter brings them up for discussion, but she still thought we should issue a public statement.

8. The issue will probably come up from individual Congressmen from time to time.

9. It might prove helpful if the President General of the DAR were seen but this is doubtful since del Vallee assisted in the DAR meeting here this year.

Copy of previous memorandum with enclosures is attached.

10. Recommendations: We continue the present policy of no public statement, but ridicule the charges.

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